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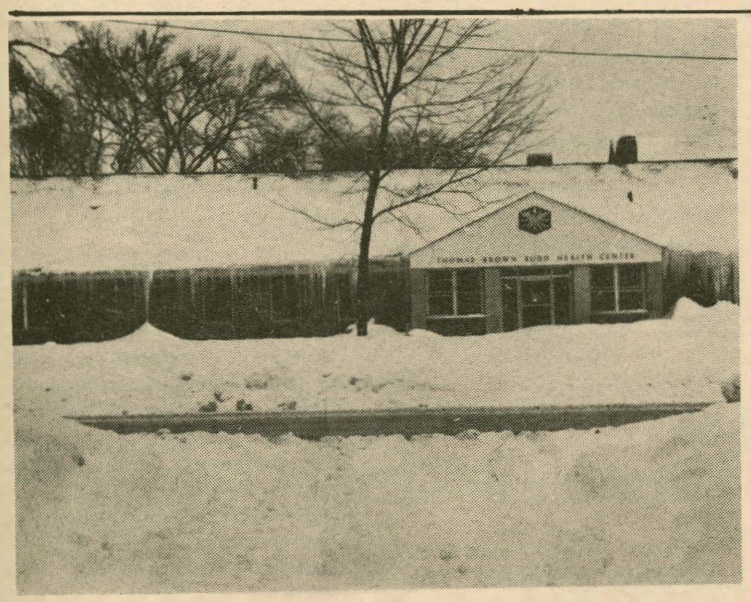

Thomas Brown Rudd Health Center

Dr. Leon Roe, Health Committee To Study Future Needs of Colleges

Dr. Leon M. Roe, Director of Medical Services for Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges, will head a study group to study the health needs of the co-ordinate colleges by 1980.

The first order of business for the Health Committee will be to survey possibilities for a new Health Center.

Dr. Roe has suggested that "by 1971, the facilities in our Health Center will be grossly inadequate.".

The existing Thomas Brown Rudd Center, erected in 1959, was planned for an all-male enrollment of about 800. Its facilities, including one 8-bed ward and two semi-private isolation rooms, are no longer adequate to meet the requirements of an increased enrollment.

The trustees of Hamilton and Kirkland have assigned a high priority to a new Health Center. Construction could closely follow groundbreaking of the new library.

The Development Office of Hamilton and Kirkland is currently considering two possible sites for expansion or relocation of the center. The Health Center could be expanded to the East, but this would require the removal of the Alumni House to another location.

A more likely solution would be the construction of a new facility on a Griffin Road site to the rear of Dunham Dormitory. The college-leased residential facilities on this plot of land presumably would be moved to another area.

Hamilton and Kirkland anticipate a combined enrollment of at least 1,600 by 1980. Two physicans, a psychologist and a psychiatrist will have to form the core of the staff by that date.

The Health Committee, which has already met once, will draw heavily from associates of both schools in the medical profession. Hamilton, in particular, has a large number of doctors among its alumni.

Dr. Roe has presented a preliminary report to the Committee which supports the argument for immediate revision of Health Policies of the colleges. Close to ten thousand calls were made on the infirmary last year. In ten years, this figure could be as high as fifteen thousand.

Hamilton Uses New System In Semester Grade Reports

BY JOE MAURIELLO

A recent revision in the grading system of the College will affect the recording of grades for the Fall semester. The new system serves to reduce the number of symbols from one hundred to fourteen.

The new grading scale is literal in character. It is divided into six categories: (1) Gradations of excellence--A+. A, and A-; (2) Gradations of above average--B+, B, and B-; (3) Gradations of average--C+, C, and C-; (4) Gradations of below average--D+, D, and D-; (5) Failure--F; and (6) Serious Failure--FF.

Numberical equivalents are also provided. A "+" is converted into the appropriate tens column accompanied by an "8" in the units column. Thus, a B+ is equal to an 88, a C+, a 78, etc.

A"-" denotes a "2" in the units column. Thus, an A- can be expressed as a 92, a B-, as an 82.

Grades denoted by a simple letter are transcribed by placing a "5" in the units column. For example, an A is a 95.

An F is equivalent to a 55, while a double F is a 40.

A numerical average is computed for such purposes as graduate school admissions, determination of the Dean's List, and election to Phi Beta Kappa.

The Committee on Academic Policy also recommends the retention of year and cumulative averages to be reported as related to the distribution of averages within selected ranges. In effect, class rank per se is eliminated.

Thus, henceforth, students will be ranked according to percentile categories. The number of students with averages within the different ranges will determine the composition of the different percentiles.

The above revision was proposed last Spring along with an alternate method entailing the distribution of only five grade symbols. Such a five-mark system was relinquished as the Faculty concurred that evaluation of students could be more refined. Discussion was tabled in the Spring.

Dwight N. Lindley, Chairman of the Committee on Academic Policy, opened the subject to further examination at the meeting on October 7. At this meeting, the members of the Committee on Academic Policy decided to hold an open forum on October 14 to discuss a possible revision to the fourteen symbol system.

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The Steve Baron Quartet to Return As Entertainment for Blues Weekend

The Steve Baron Quartet will be the entertainment for Blues Weekend. The group is considered one of the most promising of the folkrock scene.

Baron's music does not fall into any particular musical catagory, but his material has been described as a mixture of folk, rock, and jazz. Keith Moon of "The Who" describes it as "natural Music."

The Quartet is composed of Steve Baron, who plays accoustic guitar; Bill Davidson on electric guitar; Jeff Lowell, bass; and Tom Winer, organist and pianist. It has recently released its first album, "The Mother of Us All."

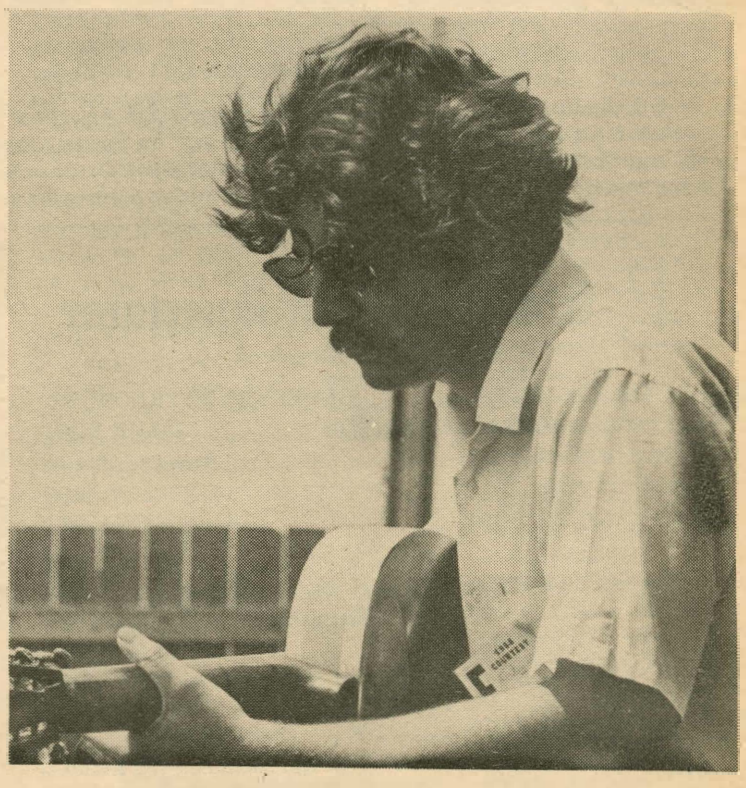
The songs, all written by Baron, reflect his compositional talent. The lyrics are intensely personal yet relevant to current social issues.

Among the songs on the album are "Bertha Was the Mother of Us All," written about Baron's childhood maid; "Don't You Hate the Feeling," a protest song; and "Goodbye Road." Baron's subtle and perfect blend of jazz, folk, and rock" has led to his comparison with Paul Simon.

The Quartet has been playing the coffee house circuit. Its first national exposure came on a 1967 educational T. V. show called "Eavesdropping on the New Rock." Since then they have played at more than twenty-five colleges, including their appearance here with the James Cotton Blues Band last year.

The group will perform next Saturday at 8:30 in the gym.

The Student Entertainment Committee is paying $1100 for the Quartet. Tickets will cost $1 per single and $2 per couple for those who have paid their social tax and $2 per single and $4 per couple for others. They will be sold Wednesday and Thursday.



Paul Geremia will perform this Wednesday and Friday in the coffee House. There will be performances at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. There will be no charge for social tax payers.

Jan. 15 to Feature 5 Recruiters, 1 Draft Counselor

BY JIM VICK

Five military recruiters and a draft counselor from the American Friends' Service Committee will visit Hamilton on January 15 to offer information concerning military service, particularly to students.

The date of the recruiter visits, which were originally planned for the middle of the Spring Term, was moved ahead, because, according to Placement Director Ronald M. Loomis, seniors who have low draft lottery numbers are anxious to obtain information about the alternatives facing them as soon as possible.

In explaining why all five recruiters are coming on the same day, Loomis mentioned that it will be "more convenient if students can talk to each one on the same day." Besides a draft counselor from Syracuse, representatives from the Army, Navy, Navy Aviation, Air Force, and Marines will be present to volunteer information about their respective programs.

The draft counselor, Jerry Ciekote, holds a full-time position with the American Friends' Service Committee and is also an instructor for other draft counselors.

He was described by Loomis as "highly competent." The counselor and the recruiters will be together in the Bristol Campus Center second floor lounge from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 15. Loomis stressed that because the group will be together, "the seniors will have, in the same room, every bit of information they need about the alternatives."

News in Brief

LAURA NYRO WINTER HOUSE PARTY ENTERTAINMENT

Composer and singer Laura Nyro will appear in concert for Winter House parties on February 28, in the Gym. Combining blues and popular sounds, Miss Myro's originality is evident in such hits as "Wedding Bell Blues", "Sweet Blindness" and "Stoned Soul Picnic". Tickets will soon be available for the concert and prices will be announced shortly.

FORMER PANTHER, FORMER SNCC TO SPEAK

The Hamilton-Kirkland Black Union, in conjunction with other campus groups, is sponsoring two speakers this evening.

Former Blank Panther Party member John Pearson will speak on the Black Panthers. Former member of the Congress on Racial Equality and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Calvin Jones will discuss the role of the revolutionary on the college campus. Both men are involved in various forms of community action in the southeast Bronx, New York City.

Members of the Black Panther Party who were scheduled to speak here today cancelled the engagement for security reasons.

The talks will be in the Hamilton College Chapel at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds of the $1.00 admission charge will benefit the Southeast Bronx Medical and Free Food Program.

NO JANUARY MORATORIUM PLANS

As for an article on the upcoming plans of the moratorium, there are none. This is mainly attributable to the fact that the committee no longer exists. Feldman, who was very active last fall, is in Florida. J. K. Hage is in Chicago. Lisa Kaye, who worked with Steve Feldman last fall, knows of no plans. Bruce Paine knows of no plans. According to reports, the committee itself has dissolved until further notice.

ANNUAL AD PLAY

The Brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi will present "Oh Rejection" or "How I got into Hamilton without really trying" on Tuesday the 20th and Thursday the 22nd of January. Tuesday's performance is for the faculty only. All are welcome for the Thursday performance.

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21 Drop Out During Fall Enrollment Drops to 873

BY KEN GIVENS

The completion of another semester has caused significant changes in personnel at Hamilton College.

At the beginning of the 1969-70 College year, Hamilton's enrollment stood at 893, a new high. The first semester, however, has taken its toll, and the College enrollment now stands at 873.

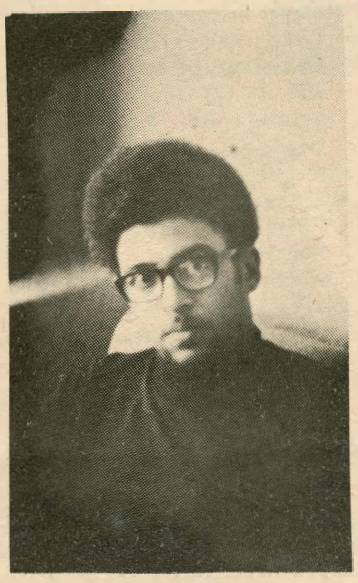
This decline in enrollment run as follows: twenty students, including three seniors, voluntarily withdrew from the College. Five students completed their graduation requirements during the first semester and have left the College, and six members of the student body were dropped from the roster because of academic deficiencies. Associate Hadley S. DePuy commented that these figures are down only slightly from those of previous years.

No new students have transferred to Hamilton. However the twelve participants of the Department of Government Semester in Washington Program have returned to Hamilton.

Secondly there are twenty-nine students from other colleges particpating in Hamilton's Winter Study Exchange Program. Now on campus for the duration of the Winter Study period are four students from Colgate, seventeen from Skidmore, six from Wells, and two from Briarcliff.

In return, Hamilton has sent one student to Colgate, eighteen students to Skidmore, four students to Wells, and two students to Lincoln University in Pennsylvania for the month of January.

Lack of Furnishings Delays Opening Of Black Center's Library, Exhibits



Percy Luney

BY FRED AXELROD

The Black Cultural Center has been unable to open its exhibits or library or sponsor any lectures because its orders for furniture and locked display cases are still unfilled.

Black Union President Joe Don Luney '70 explained that "it is not practical to open the exhibits or the library in a house that is unfurnished."

The Center ordered furniture through the office of College Controller, Ronald F. MacDonald on November 24 of last semester. The order is expected to arrive shortly. The order for the locked display cabinets was due to arrive on December 8 but has not yet arrived.

Luney also explained that museums will not allow work to be presented unless it is presented in locked display cabinets.

The Center has ordered and received books and record reflecting Black culture. These are presently being stored in the library, but when the Center's library is opened, books and records will not be allowed to be taken out.

Luney also said that the Center has delayed signing contracts to sponsor lecturers or art exhibits until it is sure that the Center will be furnished.

In recent weeks the Union has sent students to New York to arrange exhibits from various Afro-American museums and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The lectures which the Center plans to sponsor will be culturally rather than politcally oriented, as the Center seeks to reflect the Black experience and does not intend to become a propaganda center.

Mr. MacDonald explained that all money for the center is alloted through the College Administration, and that purchases must be cleared through either Dean Hadley S. DePuy or Dean Inez Nelbach.

Rogers Becomes Kirkland Trustee

Dr. Philip V. Rogers has been named to the Kirkland Board of Trustees, replacing William C. Bolenius who is now Emeritus.

Professor Rogers was nominated by the Hamilton Board of Trustees, which nominates four of the Kirkland Board's sixteen members. After such a nomination, the Kirkland Board votes on and elects the nominee, who does not necessarily have to be a Hamilton associate.

The twelve other members of the Board are both nominated and elected by the Kirkland Trustees.

Dr. Rogers, a professor Emeritus of Hamilton, is also an alumnus from the class of 1930. He earned his M. A. in 1934, and took his doctorate at Yale in 1937. From then he was a member of the Hamilton faculty and became the chairman of the biology department in 1960.

During World War II Dr. Rogers studied under a Rockefeller Fellowship at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and at Stanford University as a Ford Foundation Fellow.

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Editorial

Recruiter Significance

With the institution of the lottery in December, Hamilton seniors suddenly faced a common predicament -- the possibility of immediate military service upon graduation in May. That possibility is a grave one, and a decision to serve can be made only after careful and intelligent consultation with both military recruiters and draft counselors.

Attempting to provide this opportunity, Hamilton College has taken the initiative to bring five military recruiters and a draft counselor here Thursday. They will provide a forum in which seniors may come to know their specific military obligations and how these may best be met -- or avoided.

This service is vital to all of us. In a real sense, it may means the difference between life and death for one or more individuals. Let us, then, grant our common humanity for the day. Let us put aside "political banners and moral views" on the war, the draft, the military, and its recruiters. Let us hope for pragmatism in our common predicament, so that we may either best surmount the military or best serve it, if need be.

Surely students will not deny each other the right to information in a convenient forum -- information so important *now* to each man who faces draft in June. The "forum" will provide in one day a valuable and informative juxtaposition of programs and alternatives. We hope that at the end of the day as a result, more seniors will be able to make a more intelligent decision about their careers come June.

On November 7, 1969, we said that "we await the next case involving such expression with anxiety." That time has come. We reaffirm the belief that the confusion of political sincerity with practical necessity can have disastrous effects. Our campus must be free and open. "Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of those goals to which Hamilton College is dedicated...Because of its commitment to free discussion, the Faculty states that actions by individuals or groups to prevent speakers invited to the campus from speaking, to disrupt the operations of the institution, or to restrain others by physical force cannot be tolerated."

Any disruption this Thursday will not only violate the academic freedom of this institution. It will also jeopardize the lives of men on this campus.

There should be no action to prevent or inhibit in any way the activities of recruiters and the draft counselor this Thursday.

Letters to the Editor

Recruiter Case

Ed. Note: The Spectator received this letter some time ago; however, with the events scheduled for Thursday it has regained its relevancy.

To the Editor:

I would like to share with you some comments about the recent case concerning a military recruiter.

1. "Free Speech": It is a truism that free expression is the very foundation of democratic society. Without free speech no other liberties can exist. To say that a military recruiter does not have the right to free speech because he is part of a system which suppresses free speech is emotionally applealing, but is the same as saying that the intolerant cannot be tolerated. Even those who advocate the abolishment of constitutional or institutional guarantees of freedom and justice "must" be heard. The only thing that men can agree on is to disagree and yet still live in the same community. Those who cannot agree to disagree would destroy the basis of our society.

Furthermore, we cannot contribute to freedom in Vietnam, South America, or anywhere by surpressing freedom here. The place that I can defend freedom effectively is "here" in my community. On the contrary, we must constantly guard against governmental or institutional tendencies to suspend constitutional guarantees "temporarily" and for "good reasons". The injustice that is done to one is done to all in the long run. Freedoms lost are not necessarily rewon, and nothing proves that "it can't happen here".

2; "Civil Disobedience": Only a very twisted "logic" can tend to equate violating a law which guarantees liberty for all persons and violating "a vicious law" which oppresses a very large minority (in some cases the majority) of the people. There is a confusion here between "civil disobedience" and acting outside the law. We all accept laws against murder; would we be obliged to agree with a person, a political assassin, for instance who finds these laws "unjust" because he kills someone for very "idealistic" reasons? Would we acquit him because, even though he accepted the laws generally, he pleaded "not quilty" on the grounds that "his act was exceptional and was done for "good reasons", since he "followed his conscience"?

3. The "Ivory Tower": There are many who advocate that educational institutions become "involved" in the affairs of society, that they "take a stand" on political matters. To the contrary, academic institutions appear to others to be islands of freedom in a mounting sea of fascism. If we want to avoid inculcating the very ideas we abhor and if we want to protect academic freedom, we must keep our institutions neutral and open to all; for if colleges and universities are forced to stake stands their intellectual neutrality and objectivity will be irreparably damaged. One of the present campus problems stems from the fact that, back in the 1950's, some universities did take stands, to help the government in military preparedness. If Hamilton College had taken a stand on Vietnam four or five years ago, would it not have taken a "hawk" stance, and thus would not the College have been obliged, because of its involvement, to ban the Moratorium activities? Those to whom "neutral" has become a dirty word should remember the involvement (for idealistic reasons) of the courts, universities and other institutions in Nazi Germany. Individuals should indeed be "involved", but not the College as an entity, if it intends to remain free.

4. "Procedure vs. the X Laws of Mankind": It has been said that procedure in the application of rules and laws is less important that the "laws of mankind" and the motives behind disobedience. We are told that the human suffering going on in Vietnam and in South America overrides the application of "abstract laws" here on the campus.

Would these persons argue that jury trial, habeus corpus, cross-examination, search warrants, etc., etc., are merely abstract "procedural" matters? The rules and laws which have been so painfully built up over the centuries to protect both society and the individual are not mere "formal", "arbitrary" matters which can be set aside at the whim of the individual conscience. These "forms" structure the very "content" of the law, and the two go together. Those who want to set aside the basic laws protecting freedom of expression and the rules of this community to guarantee this freedom to all would create a totalitarian community whose basic law would be brute force. Is that the "Law of Mankind" they appeal to?

5. "Commitment": For some, Faculty commitment to free speech is a blatant example of an elite power group with a vested interest refusing to surrender its exploitative powers when attacked. The idea that Faculty members are deeply, idealistically, and emotionally committed to free speech is seen as a sham, a hypocritical stance designed to ensure the "status quo". This polarized thinking reduces all conflicts to the simplistic view that "they" are bad because they have "ulterior motives", whereas "we" are good because "we" are acting out of pure idealism on the behalf of all mankind. The next step is that, since "they" are bad, their ideas cannot be allowed expression; only "our" noble goals can be extolled. The corollary is, to quote Chairman Mao, "We must uphold all that our enemy combats and combat all that he upholds."

James B. Davis
Assoc. Professor

About Drugs

To the Editor:

The articles on your editorial page of the October 31 issue were sound and in general I agree with the thought expressed in each of them.

However, I wish to make some remarks regarding the editorial on drug abuse. From your use of the terms marijuana, and Hashish, one could gain the impression that they are different chemicals. This is not so. They are each derived from the same source although the plant may be and is, cultivated to give a more potent product depending on its location. The active ingredient which produces the "high" of both marijuana and hashish is transtetrahydrocannabinol.

One of the reasons that "grass" (marijuana) has such a widespread reputation as being harmless is that it has usually been prepared in such dilutes manner that its pharmocological physiological effects have likewise been diluted. Hashish is a popular term for more concentrated transtetrahydrocannabinol and indeed is classified as hallucinogenic substance. I have personally seen hallucinogenic effects from "hashish" that lasted longer than 24 hours.

Although the present evidence is that marijuana in any strength is not physically addicting, there is accumulating evidence that preparations of various strengths may cause psychological dependence. During the past few months, there have been numerous comments in the news media both by civilian authorities and some by 'professional pushers' that when marijuana is unavailable, frequent users turn to other illegal drugs. From a pharmacological viewpoint, this information cannot be ignored.

From the proponents of marijuana, there is a great hue and cry to compare it with alcohol and tobacco. In my own mind, I can't compare them. We have known for many years the pharmacological effects of alcohol and tobacco in both animals and man. Both can be detrimental. We do not have this studied experience over a long period of time on the effects of marijuana on man. However, based purely on personal observations, my present opinion is that, ounce for ounce, with the same degree of frequent use over the same period of time, marijuana is far more harmful to the brain and to the lungs than either tobacco or alcohol. This is why I believe marijuana will not be legalized.

The hard narcotics deserve only a brief comment. Anyone who can read or speak can learn that toying with the group of drugs heroin, morphine and cocaine leads only to disastrous results in over 98% of the cases.

I would comment on the more potent and most frequently used hallucinogens, LSD and Mescaline. Whether the trip is "good" or "bad", both cause temporary insanity and both may have recurrent trips which may not resemble the first. On "bad trips" hallucinations, panic, fear, disorientation, depersonalization, paranoid reactions and suicidal and sometimes homicidal tendencies, may occur. On "good trips", hallucinations and depersonalizations are the common features. Both "good)) and "bad" trips may have a recurrence producing a pshchosis (mental illness). Whenever a person obtains for, or gives to, another person either of these drugs, he may morally become an accessory to murder. For should the one given the drug have a recurrent trip and as a result commit suicide, then the party who furnished the drug is in part morally responsible for this death. In light of this, each may ask ourself the question, "Do I have amoral right to endanger the welfare of, or the life of, others by giving them or encouraging them to use any illegal drug"?

Leon Roe

New Grading Plan Reduces Number Of Grade Categories from 100 to 14

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Throughout such deliberation, the Student Curriculum Committee was briefed. Dave Margolies and Don Stangler of the Student Curriculum Committee organized a rather informal canvassing of student opinion concerning the imminent measure.

As the prospective revision was received auspiciously by the students, faculty, and administration, the emendation was easily passed by the Faculty on November 4.

The Faculty Committee on Academic Policy delineates the objectives of the revision as two-fold. First, by reducing the number of possible marks from one hundred to fourteen, the manner of evaluation has been simplified. This measure is in accordance with the Faculty's general feeling of its inability to pinpoint a student's merits on the basis of a detailed 1-100 scale. The old system's reliance on precision, the Faculty professes, is highly unrealistic.

Second, the Committee on Academic policy also contends that such a method makes consistent the reporting, recording, and publication of grades through the use of letters alone.

Under the new grading process, the instructor will assign to the student a letter grade. This letter grade is entered on the student's official record.

Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Academic Policy, Dwight Lindley, has expressed the hope that the institution of this grading process will appreciably alleviate any undue emphasis on grades.

Babbitt Speaks to Kirkland On Last Trustee Meeting

Kirkland President Samuel F. Babbitt

President Samuel F. Babbitt recently addressed the Kirkland Community to report on the last Trustees' meeting, and to discuss the present state of the community.

Speaking to students, faculty members, and administrators in the Chapel Thursday, December 11, Babbitt reported on the Trustees' recent long-range planning meeting. The purpose of the Trustee meeting was to "extend the assumptions" of the college, and to "tote up the bill" which these assumptions will cost if they are to be realized.

Babbitt reported, with the aid of a slide show, on the assumptions of the college, and the programs and buildings which follow these assumptions. The slide show constituted part of the report which he had presented to the Trustees.

Though the present plan extends until 1980, Babbitt cautioned that any plan is merely a "description of the starting line". All plans are subject to change, and no doubt Kirkland's plans will change also.

The report reiterated most of the basic ideals and goals of the college and showed plans for the projected buildings on the campus. The new buildings will be the List Arts Center, which is presently under construction and will be completed in 1970; the Kirner and Johnson Buildings, the academic buildings of the college; the Phase II dormitories; the the Auditorium Theater, which will be shared with Hamilton.

The second part of the President's address to the community was devoted to reaffirming the "fundamental assumptions" under which the community is operating. "Like workmen referring to blueprints," Babbitt said the community too must often refer to its original goals.

Giving a high appraisal to the college's present condition, Babbitt said it was characterized by the "highest academic standards," and was selective in the choosing of its student body.

Perhaps because of "our innovativeness," Babbitt feared, "we may have spent too much time defining what we are not, but not enough on what we are".

Babbitt began the self-definition by describing the core courses "which give us a context in which vast amounts of information can be placed. Before we embark on our education we must clear up foggy 'maps', and the core courses act as an 'atlas'." Judging the core courses, on the whole, as successful, Babbitt said that they no doubt "will probably go through constant change".

Discussing the last two years of education at Kirkland, Babbitt stressed the college's liberality in granting cross disciplinary majors, and described the senior projects as "focusing points".

Babbitt characterized the student-faculty relationship at Kirkland as two sides of a learning experience, with the teachers merely acting as "More experienced learners". Students do not necessarily like a teacher, but they must have "respect for effectiveness.

The learning experience at Kirkland is not the traditional competitive one, but rather one where you are "in competition with yourself". Your goal is to go "from where you are to where you might be".

Ending his speech with a plea to "oh, ye of little faith", Babbitt admitted there are "some among us who despair, and many who grumble". He, however, having envisioned the school a long time before it opened, was both encouraged and trusting.

If Kirkland strays from its original ideas, Babbitt felt it was the responsibility of the community to bring it back. "All members of a community will help shape it."

Babbitt warned his almost entirely female audience that "ordered self-government, like marriage, is not a natural state, it must be worked at".

Though some of us may lapse into "they and we" Babbit said, "We are a community, which in our own prescription, is the coming". Babbitt concluded his address on the optimistic note of, "Lift up your hearts and be about it."

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